

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
STATE CELEBRATION
COMMISSION'S
2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI

CAPE GIRARDEAU



Date: February 3, 2009
Time: 6:30 PM
Event: From Eyes on the Prize to Black in America
Place: Southeast Missouri State University
University Center Program Lounge

A discussion/open dialogue addressing changes related to politics, education and social roles in America, how these changes impact each of us today and our contribution to these changes. Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Academic Support Centers. **Contact:** Valdis Zalite at 573/651-2273, on campus - ext. 2273 or vzalite@semo.edu.

Date: February 5, 2009

Time: 1:30 PM

Event: Connections between Afro-Hispanic and African-American Communities

**Place: Southeast Missouri State University
University Center Program Lounge**

Dr. Antonio Tillis, Associate Professor of Spanish and African-American Studies at Purdue University, discusses connections between these two communities. Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Educational Access Programs and Foreign Languages and Anthropology. **Contact:** Breanna Walling at 573/986-6135, on campus – ext. 6135 or bwalling@semo.edu.

Date: February 10, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Event: Lecture

**Place: Southeast Missouri State University
Convocation Center at the River Campus**

A lecture on “Life at the Crossroads: ‘Thad Show and the Sharecroppers’ Roadside Demonstration of 1939.” Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Department of History. **Contact:** Wayne H. Bowen, Ph.D., at 573/651-2179.

Date: February 11, 2009

Time: 6 PM

Event: Multi-Cultural Career Exploration Banquet/Reception

**Place: Southeast Missouri State University
University Center Ballroom**

Event is for SEMO students. Dinner with panelists who will field questions from the audience regarding their experiences in the world of work. Presentation of the winning essay from the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. competition will be made. Admission is free. Please RSVP to Career Linkages office at 573/651-2583, or sign up in University Center Room 206. Sponsored by Career Linkages. **Contact:** Barbara Rozkiewicz at 573/651-2583 or brozkiewicz@semo.edu.

Date: February 12, 2008

Time: 7 PM

Event: Transcending Myths: Intimacy, Sexuality and Self

Place: Southeast Missouri State University

University Center, Missouriiana and Indian Room

Program will address responsible decision making, healthy relationships, respect and communication. Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Educational Access Programs. **Contact:** Breanna Walling at 573/986-6135, on campus – ext. 6135 or bwalling@semo.edu.

In Montgomery, Alabama, in December 1955, Mrs. Rosa Parks was arrested for violation of the segregation laws; she had refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. On November 13, 1956, the Supreme Court ruled that segregation on buses was unconstitutional.

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

Date: February 17, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Event: Black Is...Black A'int

Place: Southeast Missouri State University

University Center Program Lounge

Racial stereotypes in America: who has them, holds them and promotes them. Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Academic Support Centers. **Contact:** Valdis Zalite at 573/651-2272, on campus – ext. 2273 or vzalite@semo.edu.

Date: February 23, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: "Remembering African-American History in Southeast Missouri"

Place: Southeast Missouri State University

Crisp Hall, Room 125

A panel will be invited from the community to speak on their experiences in Cape Girardeau during segregation and the civil rights movement. Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the History Department and the Center for Regional History. **Contact:** Wayne Bowen, Ph.D., at 573/651-2179.



Date: February 24-25, 2009

Time: 10 AM - 6 PM

7 AM – 9 PM

Event: Tunnel of Oppression and Boxes and Walls Activity

Place: Southeast Missouri State University

University Center Program Lounge

(Tunnel of Oppression)

University Center Party Room

(Boxes and Walls)

View the Tunnel of Oppression from 10 AM to 6 PM on February 24, and Boxes and Walls on February 25. Then, watch as students and staff break down these issues of oppression through interactive skits. Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Office of Residence Life. **Contact:** Sh’Nita Mitchell at 573/651-2281 or slmitchell@semo.edu.

**I’m asking you to believe, not just in my ability to bring about real change in
Washington...I’m asking you to believe in yours.**

Barack Obama, during his Campaign

Date: February 28, 2009

Time: 10 AM – 4 PM

Event: Where the Girls Are: Education, Etiquette and Esteem

Place: Southeast Missouri State University

Towers Complex, Room 110

A one-day summit discussing various topics on advancing equity for young women through education, etiquette and esteem. Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Educational Access Programs. **Contact:** India Jeffery at 573/986-6135, on campus – ext. 6135 or ijeffer@semo.edu.

Date: March 1, 2009

Time: 2 PM

Event: Letters to a Young Sister...Letters to a Young Brother

Place: Southeast Missouri State University

Johnson Faculty Center

503 Pacific St.

A discussion on the topic of the books, *Letters to a Young Sister: Define your Destiny* and *Letters to a Young Brother: Manifest your Destiny* by Hill Harper. There will be 10 copies of the book available at the presentation. Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored by

Educational Access Programs. **Contact:** India Jeffery at 573/986-6135, on campus – ext. 6135 or ijeffer@semo.edu.



COLUMBIA



Date: January 15, 2009

Time: 7 AM

Event: Columbia Values Diversity Celebration

Place: Holiday Inn Select Expo Center

An annual celebration of the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sponsored by the City of Columbia and dozens of local sponsors. Admission is \$13. **Contact:** Office of Community Services at 573/874-7488 or ocs@gocolumbiamo.com.

Date: January 26, 2009
Time: TBA
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Annual Lecture
Place: University of Missouri
Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union

The MU Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Lecture will be held. For more information, go to www.mlk.missouri.edu. Admission is free. Sponsored by the University of Missouri and the State Celebration Commission. **Contact:** Noor Azizan-Gardner at 573/882-6282 or noor@missouri.edu.

Anheuser-Busch Relief Effort

August 2008 – To prepare for potential needs following hurricanes, Anheuser-Busch pre-staged more than 774,000 twelve-ounce cans of drinking water to aid relief efforts in markets along the Gulf of Mexico.

Date: February 17, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: Lecture/Address
Place: University of Missouri
Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center
813 Virginia Avenue

Lecture/keynote address, “Back to the Future: Black Studies in the 21st Century,” in recognition of the 40th anniversary of Black Studies as a discipline. Noliwe Rooks, Professor of History and African-American Studies, Princeton University, and author of *White Money/Black Studies*, will be the guest speaker. Sponsored by Black History Month Committee, Black Studies Program. **Contact:** Erica Bruington at 573/882-6229 or bruington@missouri.edu.

Date: February 18, 2009
Time: 7:30 PM
Event: Public Panel Discussion
Place: University of Missouri
Journalism School
120 Neff Hall

Public panel discussion on “Narrative as a Pathway to Reconciliation.” Former child soldier and author Ishmael Bean and storyteller and human rights activist Laura Simms will be the special

guests. Sponsored by the MU Center for the Study of Conflict, Law and the Media, MU School of Journalism, Black Studies Program and Black History Month Committee. **Contact:** Mary Green at 573/443-3131.

Martin Luther King Jr. went to Memphis to march in support of garbage workers who were striking for union recognition and a fair wage. He was shot and killed on April 4, 1968, from a window overlooking his motel.

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

Date: February 19, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: Lecture/Address

**Place: Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center
University of Missouri
813 Virginia Avenue**

Lecture/address "Haitian Immigrants in the United States and Their Quest for Citizenship." Flore Zephir, Professor of Romance Languages at the University of Missouri, will be the guest speaker. Sponsored by Black History Month Committee, Black Studies Program. **Contact:** Erica Bruington at 573/882-6229 or bruington@missouri.edu.

Date: February 20, 2009

Time: 1 PM

Event: Panel Discussion

**Place: Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center
University of Missouri
813 Virginia Avenue**

"Quest for Black Citizenship in Post-Civil War Missouri" focuses on newly freed men and women making their freedom and citizenship meaningful. Special guests: Ms. Megan Boccardi, Ph.D. candidate in history, Mr. Leroy Rowe, Ph.D. candidate in history and Mr. Marlin Barber, Ph.D. candidate in history – all from the University of Missouri. Sponsored by the Black History Month Committee, Black Studies Program. **Contact:** Erica Bruington at 573/882-6229 or bruington@missouri.edu.

Date: February 26-28, 2009

Time: 8 PM

Event: Flyin' West

**Place: Rynsburger Theatre
University of Missouri**

Story of four independent frontier women who escape the racial violence of the post Civil War South in search of freedom. Sponsored by the Theatre Department, Clyde Ruffin, Director.
Contact: 573/882-PLAY or theatre.missouri.edu.



FULTON

Date: February 2009

Time: 3 PM

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Black History Program

Place: Guiding Light Baptist Church

1023 Westminster Avenue

Event is a youth participation program, sponsored by the Fulton Branch NAACP. Admission is free. **Contact:** Jack McBride at 573/642-5462.

JEFFERSON CITY

Date: January 14, 2009

Time: 10 AM

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday Celebration

Place: Lincoln University

Sponsored by the Jefferson City Regional Martin Luther King Committee. **Contact:** Roxy Flores at 573/751-5076 or Roxana.flores@oa.mo.gov.

Date: January 14, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Place: State Capitol

Sponsored by the Legislative Black Caucus. Admission is free. **Contact:** Rita Heard Days at 573/751-4106.

King's first book, *Stride Toward Freedom*, was published in May of 1958. While autographing copies in a Harlem department store, King was attacked and stabbed by a crazed woman who plunged a letter opener into his chest.

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KANSAS CITY AREA

Date: January 17, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Event: "A View from the Mountaintop"

**Place: St. James United Methodist Church
5540 Wayne**

Pre-Celebration will include students from the Afrikan Centered Education Collegium Campus. Program will include a musical tribute entitled "Music: The River of Life Ever Flowing," and performances by: The Youth Symphony (Mr. Russell E. Berlin Jr., Director); Mr. Robert McNichols Jr. (The Lyric Opera); Concord Fortress of Hope Church Choir and Instrumental Combo (Rev. Willie Thornton, Minister of Music); Metropolitan Dance Theatre (Kim Jones, Artistic Director); Music Medley (Mr. Reggie Watkins, piano, Mr. Odell Talley, keyboard, Mr. Darryl Smith, organ); and dramatic presentation by Mrs. Dorothy Clark. Special guest "Reflection" speaker, Rev. Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III (St. James UMC). Other guest participants will be Rev. Mary Nunnelee (St. James UMC) and Rev. Clinton Stancil (Allen Chapel AME Church). Narrator will be The Honorable Jon R. Gray. Chairperson is Lessie J. Thompson. Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be accepted. **Contact:** Lessie J. Thompson at 816/763-1232.

Date: January 19, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: Lee's Summit Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration

Place: John Knox Pavilion

Theme for the event is "The Content of Character." Pre-show celebration will be presented by the Brass Ensemble and Drumline from Lee's Summit North High School. Introduction of keynote speaker will be given by Dr. Fred Grogan (President MCC Longview Community College). Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Marvin Aaron (MCC Longview Community College). Program performances will include: Junior Air Force ROTC (Lee's Summit North High School); National Anthem by Christina Casey (Lee's Summit North High School); musical selection by the Unity Choir; Dance Presentation by Kiddie Kollege and Steppin' Out Dance Studio; Reflection speakers Martha Vasquez-Campos and Student Geneva Miller; and a dance presentation by Warren Harvey. Program will include an art contest presentation and the 2008 Humanitarian Award presentation. Other presentations: Mayor Karen Messerli, Manne Magady and Rev. Bill Briley. Event is free. Sponsored by the Human Relations Commission, the City of Lee's Summit and John Knox Village. Mrs. June Neal-Key is Chairperson. **Contact:** Lessie J. Thompson at 816/763-1232.



KIRKSVILLE

Date: January 19, 2009

Time: 9 AM

Event: Shape Your Community

Place: Truman State University

MLK Service Learning: Community Challenge Grant. An exciting new addition this year! Fifty students from Truman's campus will come together to perform various service "challenges"

for the greater Kirksville community. **Contact:** Individuals interested in volunteering for the “Community Challenge” should contact Baillie Cloyd from the MAC via e-mail at brc638@truman.edu. Limited to 50 participants.



Date: January 19, 2009
Time: 4 PM
Event: Shape Yourself
Place: Truman State University
SUB, Georgian Room A

Unity Reflection: Make it a Day ON, Not a Day OFF. A combination of our traditional Unity Program, with a reflection dinner for the participants in our Community Challenge. It includes a 20-minute performance by One Voice, excerpted speeches from King, Obama and Hughes. Admission is open to all. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.
Contact: Multicultural Affairs at 660/785-4142.

Date: January 21, 2009
Time: 12 PM
Event: Unity Luncheon
Place: Truman State University
SUB, Georgian Room A

Unity: The Future From the Mountaintop. Featuring gospel music by One Voice and performers from the Theatre Department. Cost is \$8/person. Students may pay for his or her meal by using one meal block and \$3.50. RSVP by Friday, January 16, 2009, to the Public Relations Office at 660/785-4016.

Date: January 22, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium
Place: Truman State University
SUB, Down Under

Insights, reflections and the contemporary relevance of Dr. King. Refreshments will be served. Limited to 50 participants. **Con-tact:** 660/785-4142 to sign up.

Date: January 22-23, 2009
Event: MLK “READ-IN”
Place: Area Kirksville Locations

Students, staff and/or faculty will volunteer to help share the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Individuals interested in volunteering for the “Read-In” should contact Baillie Cloyd from the MAC via e-mail, at brc638@truman.edu.

Like an unchecked cancer,
hate corrodes the personality
and eats away its vital unity.

Hate destroys a man’s
sense of values
and his objectivity.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AREA



Date: November 13, 2008

Time: 10 AM

Event: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observance

Place: Jennings Senior High School
8850 Cozens Avenue

Local clergy will be the special guests. Sponsored by Rev. Herman Barnes Jr. **Contact:** Shirley Barnes at 314/867-6181.

Date: November 29, 2008-March 1, 2009

Time: During Missouri History Museum hours (visit www.mohistory.org)

Event: *George Washington Carver*

Place: The Missouri History Museum in Forest Park

What makes a man a legend? In the case of George Washington Carver, it wasn't just peanuts. Discover the life and work of an extraordinary man in a new special museum exhibition. Born into slavery, Carver used his gifts to become a groundbreaking scientist, educator, conservationist and humanitarian. His lifelong mission was to bring practical knowledge to those in need. Through artifacts, videos, interactive displays, recreated scenes, and more, visitors will follow along as Carver's curiosity and persistence take him from a remote frontier town in Missouri to success as a teacher and researcher at the famed Tuskegee Institute. They'll discover the roots of Carver's "mighty vision" – a vision of exhausted fields turning green with crops –

and see the laboratory bench and instruments he used to make that vision come to fruition. And they'll see how he laid the groundwork for organic farming and today's research on plant-based fuels, medicines and everyday products. Visitors can explore a life-size reproduction of the horse-driven wagon – a kind of moveable school – that Carver designed to bring his ideas to farmers in their fields and homemakers in their homes. It's stocked with the kinds of plants and products – from seeds and soil samples to recipes, sewing supplies and simple farm equipment – that Carver used in his demonstrations. Finally, visitors will hear oral histories from people whose lives were touched by Carver, and meet some “modern-day Carvers” working to develop the potential of plants in modern medicine and space exploration. This exhibition was created by The Field Museum, Chicago, in collaboration with Tuskegee University and the National Park Service. Presented in St. Louis by Monsanto Fund. Admission Cost: Adult - \$10; Senior/Student/Group - \$6; Children 6-12 - \$6; 5 and under - Free. The exhibition is free on Tuesdays. The Missouri History Museum offers a ***George Washington Carver/Katherine Dunham: Beyond the Dance*** combo tickets: \$14 for adults; \$12 for seniors/student/group; \$3 for children (ages 6-12). Children 5-years-old and under are free. **Contact:** Everett Austin Dietle at 314/454-3150 or info@mohistory.org.

Early in 1957 sixty black leaders founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and elected Martin Luther King Jr. president. In May he organized the Prayer Pilgrimage in Washington, D.C., the biggest civil rights demonstration that had been made by Negroes.

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Date: December 21, 2008
Time: 3:30 PM
Event: Stamp Out Hunger
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
3141 LaSalle St.

Collection of Toys for Tots and food baskets for needy. Sponsored by the community at large.
Contact: Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/355-1528.

Date: January – February 12, 2009
Time: TBD
Event: Black History Month Essay Contest
Place: TBD

Contest open to students in grades 6-12. The essay should address a person who has been influential in the writer's life. Students in all metropolitan school districts may enter. Sponsored by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc., Alpha Nu Chapter. **Contact:** Veola P. Martin at 314/340-3668 or 314/603-2725.

Date: January 1, 2009

Time: 10 AM

Event: Emancipation Proclamation 146th Anniversary Celebration

Place: Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
1617 N. Euclid

Special guest will be U.S. Congressman Emanuel Cleaver. Admission is free. Sponsored by the St. Louis Progressive District Association. **Contact:** Rev. Earl E. Nance Jr. at 314/361-8893.

Date: January 8 – February 28, 2009

Time: Various

Event: Dream Weavers: Awakening the Winds of Change

Place: St. Louis County Libraries

Black History Month celebrations.

Barack Obama, a 47 year old first-term senator from Illinois, shattered more than 2,100 years of history Tuesday night, November 4, 2008, by winning the election as the first African-American president of the United States.



Date: January 8, 2009

Time: 4:30 PM

Event: Martin Luther King Wheel of Fortune

**Place: Carondelet Branch Library
6800 Michigan Avenue**

Martin Luther King is the subject of our Wheel of Fortune game. Ages 8 and up. Admission is free. **Contact:** Andrea Norton at 314/752-9224 or anorto@slpl.org.

Date: January 8, 2009

Time: 7 - 9 PM

Event: Congressman William Clay, Sr.

Place: St. Louis County Library

Missouri's first Black congressman, William "Bill" Clay Sr. will discuss his new book, *The Jefferson Bank Confrontation: The Struggle for Civil Rights in St. Louis*. Join Clay in learning more about this historical and critical protest in St. Louis history. A book signing will follow.



Date: January 10, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Statewide Celebration for the State of Missouri

**Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Administration Building
3026 Laclede Ave.**

2009 Theme: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Anheuser-Busch Inc., "Uniting Communities – Past, Present and Future." Keynote speaker will be Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, Professor at Georgetown University, author and radio host. Vickie Newton, News Anchor, KMOV Channel 4, and Rene Knott, Sports Director, KSDK Channel 5, will be co-masters of ceremony. There will be performances by various artists, including Leslie Johnson, Minister Bruce Roberts, The Jazz Edge and the HSSU Concert Chorale. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Lifetime

Achievement Award will be presented during the program. A reception featuring Steve Schankman and the Fabulous Motown Revue will follow the program. All seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, except for those reserved for program participants and awardees. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** Harris-Stowe State University at 314/340-3390.

Date: January 12, 2009

Time: 6 PM

Event: "Celebrate the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

Place: St. Louis Public Library

1301 Olive Street

The Diversity Committee of the St. Louis Public Library invites you to "A Strong Seed Planted" - Tribute to the Jefferson Bank Protest. Join us as we view the video "A Strong Seed Planted," which covers the civil rights movement in St. Louis in the early 1960s. The video includes archival footage and interviews with key participants of the Jefferson Bank Protest: William Clay Sr., Percy Green, Raymond Howard, Charles Oldham, Marian Oldham, Ivory Perry and Norman Seay. Remarks by Congressman William "Lacy" Clay (D - MO) (tentative) and a poetry/musical selection by The Bosman Twins featuring Cheryl Walker. **Contact:** 314/539-0315.

Date: January 13 and 27, 2009

February 10 and 24, 2009

Time: Reception: 5:30 PM; Program: 6:30 PM

Event: Tuskegee Speaker Series

Place: The Missouri History Museum

in Forest Park

5700 Lindell

In recognition of the special exhibition *George Washington Carver*, the Missouri History Museum's Tuskegee Speakers Series features "modern-day Carvers" who work developing the potential of plants in modern medicine and other innovative applications. Among the speakers who are carrying forth Carver's legacy are representatives from Tuskegee University and local organizations such as Monsanto and the Donald Danforth Plant Center. Featured guests include: **January 13, 2009: Dr. Walter Hill** – Tuskegee University Dean, College of Agricultural, Environmental and Natural Sciences, Director, George Washington Carver Agricultural Experimental and Natural Sciences and **Dr. Luther S. Williams** – Tuskegee University Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officer and **Dannette C. Ward** - Senior Scientist in the Regulatory Organization, Monsanto. Visit www.mohistory.org for the full lineup of speakers. The January 13 program is presented in conjunction with The Academy of Science – St. Louis. Admission is free; reception features a cash bar. **Contact:** Everett Austin Dietle at 314/454-3150 or info@mohistory.org.

Date: January 13, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: Dr. King Jr. Poetry and Song Celebration
Place: Ladue Middle School
9701 Conway Road

Old Bonhomme Elementary students perform songs, poetry and dance to honor Dr. King Jr. Diadie Bathily Afriky Lolo Drum Ensemble will perform. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Old Bonhomme Diversity Committee. **Contact:** Elisa Roth at lroth@ladue.k12.mo.us.

If there is anyone out there who doubts that America is a place where anything is possible, who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time, who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer.

Barack Obama, on Election Night

Date: January 14, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: Joint Venture Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service
Place: Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church
4673 Labadie

Interfaith worship service with music and youth involvement. Special speaker: Sister Antona Ebo. Sister Ebo is a local African-American nun who marched in Selma. Sponsored by a joint venture between Central Reform Congregation (Jewish) and Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church. Admission is free. **Contact:** Rabbi Randy Fleisher at 314/361-1564, x111 or randy@centralreform.org.

Date: January 15, 2009
Time: 4 PM
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Student Awareness Program
Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Emerson Performance Center Theatre
3026 Laclede Avenue

Theme: 44th President, Dr. Martin Luther King's Dream Lives On. Mistress of Ceremonies will be Bonita Cornute. Program is sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King St. Louis Support Group in conjunction with HDC, President Casino and Kwame Foundation Inc. – Ruth Smith, Myrle Mensey and Betty L. Thompson, Dr. Martin Luther King Commissioners. Admission is free and open to the

public, Awards will be presented and refreshments will be served. Contact: Tyrone Thompson at 314/754-5328.

Anheuser-Busch Award

2008 – For the third consecutive year, Anheuser-Busch received a perfect score of 100 percent on the Human Rights Campaign Foundation’s “Corporate Equality Index,” which is an annual measure of how large companies in the United States treat their GLBT employees, consumers and investors.

Date: January 16, 2009

Time: 2 PM

Event: Open House Celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday

Place: St. Louis Public Library

Divoll Branch Library

4234 N. Grand Blvd.

Come celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday with the Divoll staff. There will be a display of books on Dr. King with movies about Dr. King shown. Cupcakes and punch will be served.

Contact: 314/534-0313.

Date: January 16, 2009

Time: 3 – 6 PM

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Poster Display

Place: Kennerly Elementary School

Sappington Elementary School

Truman Elementary School

Crestwood Elementary School

Long Elementary School

Children who participate in the after-school program will display their artwork depicting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sponsored by Lindbergh Flyers’ Club. **Contact:** Kim Berkenwald at 314/729-2434.

Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: January 17, 2009

Time: TBD

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Celebration: Dream. Hope. Change.

Place: Saint Louis Art Museum Auditorium

One Fine Arts Drive

Forest Park

This year, through photography and music, the Saint Louis Art Museum will celebrate the dream of Dr. King, the hope of a nation and the change with the election of Barack Obama. Admission is free. **Contact:** Devin Dixon at 314/655-5136 or devin.dixon@slam.org.

Date: January 17, 2009

Time: 8:30 AM– 3:30 PM

Event: 3rd Annual Financial Freedom Seminar

Place: Washington University-St. Louis

Goldfarb Hall and Brown Hall

1 Brookings Drive

SBSSW hosts an annual seminar that provides education and tools necessary for building individual and intergenerational wealth. The seminar is designed to address people of color who are seeking financial education to actualize their financial goals. Persons from relevant nonprofit and religious organizations are encouraged to attend in order to learn more about the financial needs of people of color and what work can be done to assist them in attaining economic freedom. Special guest: Eric Dickerson of Eric Dickerson Associates LLC (Pittsburgh, PA) will be the keynote speaker for this year's seminar. Admission is free. **Contact:** Eboneé Mahone, Chairwoman, Programming and Registration Committee at emahone@gwbmail.wustl.edu

**We have witnessed tonight in America a revolution of values, a revolution of ideals.
There's been a transformation of America, and it will have unbelievable influence on the
world.**

Rep. John Lewis, on Election Night

Date: January 17, 24 and 31, 2009

February 7, 2009

Time: 10:30 AM

Event: Schnucks Cooks with Carver

Place: The Missouri History Museum

**in Forest Park
5700 Lindell**

As a kick-off to African-American History Month, celebrate the culinary contributions of the late inventor George Washington Carver. It's a history lesson and food sampling event for the whole family. Join Schnucks Lindberg Grill Master Rick Cooper for a Schnucks Cooks 60-minute lesson on "Cooking with Carver." Cooper will introduce you to a custom cooking demonstration program designed to give you a taste of Carver's many contributions to the food industry. Rick Cooper will serve samples of Carver-inspired recipes, answer questions about food and cooking and will help you to understand the importance of the inventor's impact on the way our food is grown today. Complimentary recipe cards – complete with shopping lists – will be available. Bring your family for this Carver-inspired cooking demonstration where the Missouri History Museum and Schnucks make learning easy! Sponsored by Schnucks. Admission Cost: \$5 for general public, \$3 for Missouri History Museum members, free with exhibit ticket to *George Washington Carver*. **Contact:** Everett Austin Dietle at 314/454-3150 or info@mohistory.org.

**Date: January 18, 2009
Time: 11 AM
Event: Poetry Readings
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
3141 LaSalle St.**

Speeches by a diversified group. Special guest will be Deacon Paul Bell of St. Louis. Sponsored by the Compton Hill Deacons and Trustees Board. Admission is free. **Contact:** Clarence W. Reese at 314/385-0904.

**Date: January 18, 2009
Time: 3 PM
Event: Community Service
Place: Dover Place Christian Church
701 Dover Place**

Celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. and the virtue of hope. Free-will offering to the food pantry at St. Trinity will be accepted. Sponsored by Carondelet Ecumenical Council of Churches. **Contact:** Rev. Bill Foglesong at 314/616-8046.

**Date: January 18, 2009
Time: 3 PM (doors open at 2 PM)
Event: The Black Rep Presents *Stamping,
Shouting and Singing Home* by
Lisa Evens
Place: The Missouri History Museum
in Forest Park**

5700 Lindell

In this inspirational and uplifting tale of a family's struggles, 12-year-old Lizzie tells of life in the Deep South during the 1950s. Admission is free. **Contact:** Everett Austin Dietle at 314/454-3150 or info@mohistory.org.



Date: January 18, 2009

Time: 3 – 5 PM

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Oratorical Presentation

Place: St. Louis Community College

Florissant Valley

Terry M. Fischer Theatre

3400 Pershall Road

Celebration will include an oratorical presentation: Continue the Dream Through Learning. Special guests, TBD. Keynote speaker will be Sharon Stevens of KSDK, with gospel vocalist Melody Graves, gospel group In A Week, and gospel choir, New Generation. A reception will follow the program with light refreshments served. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** Jada Irwin at 314/513-4263, rirwin9@stlcc.edu.

Date: January 18, 2009

Time: 4 – 6 PM

Event: The Dream Fulfilled

Place: Friendly Temple M.B. Church (FTMBC) DOME

5515 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive

Rev. Michael Jones is Senior Pastor. Keynote speaker, Dr. Bryan Chappell, President of Covenant Theological Seminary. Admission is free and open to the public.

Date: January 18, 2009

Time: 5 PM

Event: MLK Unity Celebration

**Place: First Baptist Church
17155 Wild Horse Creek Road**

Guest speaker will be Dr. Lincoln Bingham. Admission is free. Sponsored by Global Reach Unity Corp. **Contact:** Jonah Hughes at 636/926-8259.

**Date: January 18, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: 7th Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Place: Civic Center East
8969 Dunn Road**

Event will feature local dignitaries, speakers and musical entertainment. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** Pam Reynolds at 314/731-0980.

**Date: January 19, 2009
Time: 10 AM
Event: Civic Ceremony and
March of Celebration
Place: Old Courthouse
4th & Market
March to Powell Symphony Hall
Grand and Enright**

Official MLK greetings from the Honorable Francis G. Slay, Mayor, City of St. Louis; remarks from elected officials and dignitaries, music and statement of concern. Following the Civic Ceremony, at 11 AM, the March of Celebration will begin throughout the streets of downtown St. Louis with marchers and motorcades. At 12:30 PM, an Interfaith Service will be held at Powell Symphony Hall. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Committee. For information or to get your "OFFICIAL" 2009 Dr. MLK commemorative button, **contact:** 314/583-0532 or 314/809-3456.

A life is sacred. Property is intended to serve life, and no matter how much we surround it with rights and respect, it has no personal being. It is part of
the earth man walks on;
it is not man.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: January 19, 2009
Time: 10 AM
Event: Dr. King's Legacy: 41 Years Later...
Place: University of Missouri-St. Louis
Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center
One University Blvd.

Celebrative program honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King. Keynote speaker, drama presentation and performances by local choirs and musicians. Concurrent program for children ages 5-12 (parental registration required). Program launches the Dr. King "Day of Service." Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Office of Equal Opportunity. **Contact:** Deborah Burris or Dana Beteet Daniels at 314/516-5695.

Date: January 19, 2009
Time: 4 PM
Event: Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Lecture
Place: Washington University School of Medicine
Eric P. Newman Center
320 S. Euclid Ave.

The Martin Luther King Jr. lecture is a celebration of the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. Guest speaker/special guests: William Julius Wilson. Dr. William Julius Wilson is Lewis P. and Linda L. Geyser University Professor at Harvard University. A leading scholar on race and urban poverty. In 1996, Wilson was named as one of *Time* magazine's 25 Most Influential Americans. According to David Whitman of the *Washington Monthly*, Wilson's academic research has been able to "change almost singlehandedly the national debate over why the urban underclass exists and what can be done about it." Sponsored by the Office of Diversity Programs at Washington University School of Medicine. Admission is free. **Contact:** Office of Diversity Programs at 314/362-6854 or diversity@msnotes.wustl.edu.

Date: January 22, 2009
Time: 5:30 PM
Event: Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration featuring: Kim Osorio – First Female Editor in Chief of *The Source*
Place: Maryville University Auditorium
650 Maryville University Drive

Kim Osorio's book was released in early September 2008 – [Straight from *The Source*: An Expose](#), from the former editor-in-chief of the Hip-Hop Bible. This book is a memoir and how Osorio battled her way from the bottom of the corporate ladder to the top working against double standards. The glass ceiling of the hip-hop world is a struggle to break through, but Kim Osorio achieved the near-impossible when she became the first-ever female editor in chief of *The Source* magazine. The legendary rap and hip-hop publication is one of the most influential in the

world, and with Osorio's passion and vision, became a newsstand best seller. Osorio's editorship led to the highest-selling issues in the publication's history, despite the challenges she faced as a woman in power in the midst of misogynistic musical trends. **Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684.

Obama preaches "hope and change" for America and has transcended the issue of race as a candidate. Today the nation, America, can look at, discuss and evaluate a black candidate based upon his qualifications – the dream of Dr. King's!

*Frank W. Hardy
January 14, 2008*

Date: January 23, 2009

Time: 7 – 9 PM

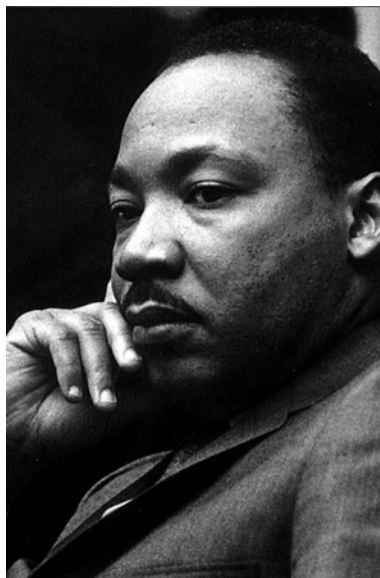
Event: Naomi Tutu-Striving for Justice: Searching for Common Ground

Place: St. Louis County Library

Florissant Valley Branch

195 New Florissant Road S.

Naomi Tutu is founder of the Tutu Foundation, and daughter of South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu. An internationally recognized speaker, Tutu will speak on the subject of Striving for Justice: Searching for Common Ground. There will be a question-and-answer session and reception following. **Contact:** 314/921-7200.



Date: January 25, 2009

Time: 3 PM

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Essay Contest

**Place: Saint Theresa/Saint Bridget Catholic Church
2401 North Grand Blvd.**

Presented by Saint Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Catholic Church. The contest consists of written essays by middle school students from St. Louis Catholic and Public Schools, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The focus of the essays is on the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his pursuit for equality for all people. The theme for this year's contest is: "From Your Own Perspective, What Would be the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Message to us Today if he Were Still Alive? What Would he Say to Young People in the 21st Century?" Top three winners will read their essays at the church celebration ceremony and receive U.S. Savings Bonds. All other participants receive appreciation gifts. Guest speaker will be Judge Anne Marie Clarke. The children's choir and other special guests will also be on the program. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following the church celebration. Admission is free. Please come, and bring the children. **Contact:** Anita Banks, Commissioner, at 314/382-9545.

Date: January 31, 2009

Time: 4 PM

Event: OBS 29th Anniversary Celebration

**Place: Phyllis Wheatley Heritage Center
2711 Locust Ave.**

Special guest TBA. Sponsored by the Organization for Black Struggle. Admission is \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. **Contact:** Kalimu Endesha at 314/367-5959 or obs-onthefmove@yahoo.com. Web: www.obs-onthefmove.org.

Date: February 2009 (Every Sunday)

Time: 10 AM

Event: Black History

**Place: Solomon Temple M.B. Church
4859 St. Louis Avenue**

The youth will portray a Black historian each Sunday. Sponsored by the Educational Ministry. Admission is free. **Contact:** Dorothy Jones at 314/385-6980.

Date: February 1, 2009

Time: 1 PM

Event: Annual National African-American Read-In

**Place: The Missouri History Museum in Forest Park
5700 Lindell**

In 1990, the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English sponsored the first African-American Read-In. Over the years, more than one million readers of all ethnic groups, from 49 states, the West Indies and African countries have participated in this celebration of African-American literacy. Join us to kick off Black History Month as K-12 students share selections from great works of African-American literature, including such authors as Alice Walker, Richard Wright, Toni Morrison, Zora Neale Hurston, Langston Hughes, Ralph Ellison and Michael Eric Dyson. Sponsored by The Black Caucus of NCTE and by NCTE. Admission is free. **Contact:** Everett Austin Dietle at 314/454-3150 or info@mohistory.org.

250,000 people marched in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963, coming by plane, bus, train, and on foot, and from every walk of life. It was the biggest peaceful demonstration for civil rights in history.

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

Date: February 2, 8, 15 and 23, 2009
Time: 11 AM
Event: Diversify or Die
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
3141 LaSalle St.

Essay writings and cultural stories. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Deacons and Trustees.
Contact: Paul Bell at 314/771-2097.

Date: February 2, 2009
Time: 12 PM
Event: Black History Month Quiz Bowl
Place: Harris-Stowe State University Annex
3026 Laclede Avenue

Contact: Student Activities at 314/340-5053.

Date: February 2, 2009
Time: 12:15 PM
Event: Round Table
Place: Maryville University
Student Engagement Center
650 Maryville University Drive

Round Table is a luncheon held during Black History Month to discuss issues relevant to the Black community. Both staff and students attend this event to share opinions given from

different perspectives, while at the same time learning from one another. **Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684.

Date: February 2, 2009
Time: 4 – 5 PM
Event: African-American History Bingo
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Walnut Park Branch
5760 W. Florissant Ave.

It's Your Thing! Shout out your knowledge! Teens, ages 12-17. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 2, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: Tales from the Black West
Place: St. Louis County Library
Prairie Commons Branch
915 Utz Lane

Join motivational storyteller Brother John in this one-man, interactive musical full of story and song that highlights the American cowboy and the many African-American men and women who helped shape and tame the "Old American West." Recommended ages: 7 and up. **Contact:** 314/895-1023.

Date: February 3, 2009
Time: 10 AM
Event: Healing Hands Drummers
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Carondelet Branch
6800 Michigan Ave.

Healing Hands Drummers will perform with drums and storytelling to school age students. After their performance, students will have the opportunity to play many of the smaller drums and other musical instruments along with the performers. Grades K – 5. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 3, 2009
Time: 4 – 5 PM
Event: African-American History Bingo
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Schlafly Branch

225 N. Euclid Ave.

It's Your Thing! Shout out your knowledge! Teens, ages 12-17. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

We must all learn to live together as brothers, or we will perish as fools..."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2009

Time: 1:30 – 3 PM

Event: Film Series: *Portrayals of Racial Injustice*

Place: St. Louis Public Library

Buder Branch

4401 Hampton Avenue

February 4: *In the Heat of the Night* (1967); February 11: *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?* (1967); February 18: *Glory* (1989) and February 25: *The Long Walk Home* (1990). **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

In Selma, Alabama, 1965, the "march on ballot boxes" was met with extreme brutality. People from all over the country, including many clergymen, came to protest and support the demonstrations. One of them, Rev. James Reeb, was beaten to death.

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

Date: February 4, 2009

Time: 4 – 5 PM

Event: African-American History Bingo

Place: St. Louis Public Library

Cabanne Branch

1105 Union Blvd.

It's Your Thing! Shout out your knowledge! Teens, ages 12-17. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 4, 2009

Time: 6 PM

Event: Tales from the Black West

**Place: St. Louis County Library
Grand Glaize Branch
1010 Meramec Station Road**

Join motivational storyteller Brother John in this one man, interactive musical full of story and song that highlights the American cowboy and the many African-American men and women who helped shape and tame the "Old American West." Recommended ages: 7 and up. **Contact:** 636/225-6454.

Date: February 4, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: "Doing the Dream: The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas"

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
Schlafly Branch
225 N. Euclid Ave.**

Gitana Productions will present "Doing the Dream: The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas," a variety show intertwined with contemporary music, dance and drama. It deals with Martin L. King Jr., major themes of his peace movement and addresses the common struggles of African-Americans and immigrants to gain full citizenship legally and through active participation as citizens. "Doing the Dream" will be the focus, which involves skeptical youth conversing with a youth worker about how to achieve the dream of MLK. All ages. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 5, 2009

Time: 4 – 5 PM

Event: African-American History Bingo

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
Divoll Branch
4234 N. Grand Blvd.**

It's Your Thing! Shout out your knowledge! Teens, ages 12-17. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2009

Time: 6 PM

Event: Tribute to Black Filmmakers' Movies

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
Schlafly Branch
225 N. Euclid**

February 5: *In Black and White*, written by Gordon Parks and Russ Karel, 92 minutes; February 12: *Body and Soul*, written by Oscar Micheaux, 102 minutes; February 19: *Eve's Bayou*, written by Kasi Lemmon, 108 minutes; and February 26: *Do the Right Thing*, by Spike Lee, 120 minutes. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 5, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: Tales from the Black West

Place: St. Louis County Library

Headquarters Branch

1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

Join motivational storyteller Brother John in this one-man, interactive musical full of story and song that highlights the American cowboy and the many African-American men and women who helped shape and tame the "Old American West." Recommended ages: 7 and up. **Contact:** 314/994-3300.

Date: February 6-7, 2009

Time: TBA

Event: Black History Month Film Festival

Place: Harris-Stowe State University

Emerson Performance Center Theatre

3026 Laclede Ave.

Contact: Student Activities at 314/340-5053.

Date: February 6, 2009

Time: 9:30 AM

Event: Healing Hands Drummers

Place: St. Louis Public Library

Julia Davis Branch

4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

Healing Hands Drummers will perform with drums and storytelling to school age students. After their performance, students will have the opportunity to play many of the smaller drums and other musical instruments along with the performers. Grades K – 5. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 6, 2009
Time: 10 AM
Event: *Lincoln and the Civil War*
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Walnut Park Branch
5760 W. Florissant Ave.

Bobby Norfolk portrays a freed slave named Jacob (around 1865) in *Lincoln and the Civil War*. Bobby uses first-person narratives, poetry and song to highlight the key players, events and political forces that brought ordinary people into extraordinary circumstances. Grades: 6 – 8. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 7, 2009
Time: 10 AM
Event: Tales from Africa
Place: St. Louis County Library
Tesson Ferry Branch
9920 Lin-Ferry Drive

Angela Williams is a noted storyteller whose stories are infused with drumming and song. She tells short stories which illustrate truth about life and human nature. She will make you laugh, and she will make you think. Recommended grades: 2nd – 8th. **Contact:** 314/843-0560.

Date: February 7, 2009
Time: 2 PM
Event: Decorating with an African Flair
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Julia Davis Branch
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

Presented by Lorrice Edwards. She will present ideas to help participants bring a touch of Africa to their homes. This workshop will offer participants the opportunity for some hands-on decorating. Materials will be provided and instructions given. Program limited to 25 participants who sign up in advance. Adults. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Anheuser-Busch Relief Effort

May 2008 – Anheuser-Busch donated more than \$1.6 million in aid to victims of the China earthquake. The donation included \$500,000 in financial assistance and 425,000 cases of bottled drinking water.

Date: February 7, 2009
Time: 2 PM
Event: Tales from Africa
Place: St. Louis County Library
Cliff Cave Branch
5430 Telegraph Road

Angela Williams is a noted storyteller whose stories are infused with drumming and song. She tells short stories which illustrate truth about life and human nature. She will make you laugh and she will make you think. Recommended grades: 2nd – 8th. **Contact:** 314/487-6003.

Date: February 7, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: Scholarship Fundraiser
Place: St. Charles Community College
Social Sciences Building Auditorium
4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive
Cottleville, MO

The SCC African-American Faculty and Staff Association will host an evening of dance and entertainment at St. Charles Community College, featuring the Jazz Edge band. Tickets are \$15 if purchased in advance, or \$20 at the door. Funds raised from the event will support diversity scholarships for SCC students of African, Asian, Hispanic and Native American descent. **Contact:** Stephanie Tolson at 636/922-8512 or stolson@stchas.edu. Web site: www.stchas.edu/calendars.



Date: February 8, 2009
Time: 12:30 PM
Event: Black History Program

**Place: Azariah M.B. Church
2424 N. Spring**

Black History program – youth and seniors. Special guest to be named later. Sponsored by Azariah M.B. Church. Admission is free. **Contact:** Rev. Altee L. Burks at 314/741-2962.



**Date: February 8, 2009
Time: 3 PM
Event: “Celebrate the Gospel”
Place: Missouri Botanical Garden
Shoenberg Theater
4344 Shaw Blvd.**

20th Annual Gospel Music Celebration. Seating is first-come, first-served. Featured singer, Mardra Thomas, will perform musical selections ranging from Negro spirituals to contemporary gospel songs, in honor of the historic election of the nation’s first African-American president. Admission is \$4 - \$8. **Contact:** 314/577-9400 or www.mobot.org.

**Date: February 8, 2009
Time: 3:30 PM
Event: Unity through Diversity
Place: Compton Missionary Baptist Church
3144 LaSalle St.**

Embracing diversity presentations by various cultural groups. Performance by Willing Four Gospel Singers. Admission is free. Sponsored by Elmus Miller Jr. **Contact:** Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/353-1528.

Date: February 9, 2009
Time: 4:30 PM
Event: Tales from Africa
Place: St. Louis County Library
Samuel C. Sachs Branch
16400 Burkhardt Place

Angela Williams is a noted storyteller whose stories are infused with drumming and song. She tells short stories, which illustrate truth about life and human nature. She will make you laugh, and she will make you think. Recommended grades: 2nd – 8th. **Contact:** 636/728-0001.

Date: February 9, 2009
Time: 6 PM
Event: Healing Hands Drummers
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Ave.

Healing Hands Drummers will perform with drums and storytelling to school-age students. After their performance, students will have the opportunity to play many of the smaller drums and other musical instruments along with the performers. Grades K – 5. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

A 70-year-old Negro Woman, Sister Pollard, was asked one day while walking during the bus boycotts in Selma if she didn't want a ride. When she answered "no," the person said, "Well, aren't you tired?" And with ungrammatical profundity, she said, "My feets is tired, but my soul is rested."

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

Date: February 9, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: Keynote Address – Donna Brazile
Place: St. Louis Public Library
1301 Olive St.

Donna Brazile is founder and Managing Director of Brazile and Associates LLC, and Chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute (VRI). Ms. Brazile is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University and a senior political strategist and former campaign manager for Gore-Lieberman 2000, the first African-American to lead a major presidential campaign. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 10, 2009

Time: Noon and 7 PM

Event: Joseph Sebarenzi Lecture

**Place: St. Charles Community College
Social Sciences Building Auditorium
4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive
Cottleville, MO**

Joseph Sebarenzi survived the Rwandan Massacres and later became the speaker of the house for the Rwandan Parliament. Once there, he used his power not for revenge, but for peace and reconciliation. This free event is open to the public and is sponsored by St. Charles Community College. **Contact:** Vicky Herbel at 636/922-8666 or vherbel@stchas.edu. Web site: www.stchas.edu/calendars.

Date: February 10, 2009

Time: 4 – 5 PM

Event: African-American History Bingo

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
Kingshighway Branch
2260 S. Vandeventer Ave.**

It's Your Thing! Shout out your knowledge! Teens, ages 12-17. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 10, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: “To Rally with the Hearts of Lions: African-American Soldiers in the Civil War”

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
Carpenter Branch
3309 S. Grand Blvd.**

Tom Pearson of the St. Louis Public Library's Rare Books and Special Collections discusses the hardships suffered by and triumphs of the men of the United States Colored Troops (USCT), and shows you how to research ancestors who served in the USCT. Approximately 180,000 black men served in the United States Colored Troops after it was established in May 1863. Adults.

Contact: Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 10, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: Tales from Africa

Place: St. Louis County Library

Natural Bridge Branch

7606 Natural Bridge Road

Angela Williams is a noted storyteller whose stories are infused with drumming and song. She tells short stories which illustrate truth about life and human nature. She will make you laugh, and she will make you think. Recommended grades: 2nd – 8th. **Contact:** 314/382-3116.



Date: February 11, 2009

Time: 10 AM

Event: Story Time

Place: St. Louis County Library

Lewis & Clark Branch

9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.

Special story time geared toward children ages 2-5, celebrating achievements in Black history. Admission is free. **Contact:** Beth Mitchell at 314/868-0331.

Date: February 11, 2009

Time: 1 PM

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Cabanne Branch

1106 Union Blvd.

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Date: February 11, 2009
Time: 4 – 5 PM
Event: African-American History Bingo
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Julia Davis Branch
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

It's Your Thing! Shout out your knowledge! Teens, ages 12-17. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 11, 2009
Time: 6 PM
Event: Documentary & Discussion
Place: Maryville University
Buder Family Student Commons
650 Maryville University Drive

When the Levees Broke is a powerful and compelling documentary about the tragic and devastating incident that happened in New Orleans on August 29, 2005: Hurricane Katrina. Director Spike Lee investigates the catastrophe and attempts to answer questions that baffled an entire nation as we watched a community in peril and wondered why relief was not immediately conveyed to these struggling victims. Lee does an amazing job in relaying the untold stories that lay beneath the dreary waters of the passed tempest and etches this event in America's history and in the hearts of Americans as a tragedy to be remembered. **Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684.

Date: February 11, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: Tales from Africa
Place: St. Louis County Library
Rock Road

Angela Williams is a noted storyteller whose stories are infused with drumming and song. She tells short stories which illustrate truth about life and human nature. She will make you laugh, and she will make you think. Recommended grades: 2nd – 8th. **Contact:** 314/994-3300.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: February 12, 2009

Time: 4 PM

Event: African-American History Bingo

Place: St. Louis Public Library

Baden Branch

8448 Church Road

It's Your Thing! Shout out your knowledge! Teens, ages 12-17. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 12, 2009

Time: 4 PM

Event: Madame Wright's Place

Place: St. Louis Public Library

Julia Davis Branch

4415 Natural Bridge Avenue

This is a dramatization of teens who have died of AIDS and are brought back to life (via audience participation) to tell their stories. Presented by CHIPS (Community Health-in-Partnership Services). Chips in Motion is a component of CHIPS' Health Education and Outreach Department that empowers participants using creative techniques. Grades 6 – 8. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 12, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: African Masks

Place: St. Louis County Library

Jamestown Bluffs Branch

4153 N. Highway 67

Come and enjoy stories about African legends. Make your own mask to take home. Ages 5-12. Register at desk. **Contact:** 314/741-6800.

James Meredith, the lone student to integrate the University of Mississippi in 1962, started an even lonelier pilgrimage from Memphis to Jackson in June 1966, to encourage voter registration. He was shot and wounded by a sniper, but was able to rejoin the march in its last stage.

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

Date: February 13, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: Poet Nikki Giovanni
Place: St. Louis County Library
Headquarters Branch
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

The St. Louis County Library Foundation presents poet, author and activist Nikki Giovanni. Giovanni is the first recipient of the Rosa Parks Woman of Courage Award and holds the Langston Hughes Medal for Outstanding Poetry. Giovanni will read excerpts from her newest collection of love poems entitled, *Bicycles: Love Poems*. **Contact:** 314/994-3300.

Date: February 13, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: The History of Gospel
Place: St. Charles Community College
Social Sciences Building Auditorium
4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive
Cottleville, MO

A celebration of gospel music at St. Charles Community College featuring choral groups from the surrounding area. **Contact:** Peggy Sherwin at 636/922-8541 or psherwin@stchas.edu.
Web site: www.stchas.edu/calendars.

Date: February 14, 2009
Time: 10:30 AM
Event: African Dance
Place: St. Louis County Library
Mid-County Branch
7821 Maryland Ave.

Tiffany Scott and the African-American Ensemble will take you on a journey through the rich history and traditions of the people of Africa. Experience live drummers and traditional African garments. Recommended ages: 7 and up. **Contact:** 314/721-3008.

Date: February 14, 2009
Time: 3 PM
Event: Lecture/Discussion
Place: 4529 Emerson Ave.

The role of Africans introducing Islam to the United States. A lecture will be given on the role of early Muslims in America and questions from the audience. Special guest will be Hassan Hakeem of Zion, Illinois and Al Haj Maulana Azhar Haneef. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. **Contact:** Abu Bakr Ladd at 314/381-4850 or abuladd@gmail.com.

Anheuser-Busch Relief Effort

2005 -- When hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the Gulf Coast, Anheuser-Busch was ready to meet the victims' most basic need – safe, pure drinking water. The Anheuser-Busch Packaging Group and their breweries supplied 9.4 million cans of drinking water to relief agencies. Since 1988, Anheuser-Busch has supplied more than 59 million cans of drinking water to recovery efforts.

Date: February 15, 2009
Time: 3 PM
Event: Black History Service
Place: Saint Paul Miracle Temple
2906 Marcus Avenue

Keynote speaker Rev. A. L. Manson Jr. Performances by Solomon Temple Choir, Bro. M. Latchison, Ivyairs, Gospel Wings, King of Joy and the Jordanairs. All group ministers, soloists are welcome. Event is free to all. Sponsored by Joys of Glory Gospel Singers. **Contact:** Hattie Hardin at 314/862-4203 or Ira Eubanks at 314/533-8705.

Date: February 15, 2009
Time: 3 PM
Event: The Dello Thedford Gospel Symphonic Choir
Place: The Missouri History Museum in Forest Park
5700 Lindell

Educator, arranger, composer and conductor, Dello Thedford is also director of the renowned Gospel Symphonic Choir. Join us for a celebration of gospels, spirituals and anthems. Admission is free. **Contact:** Everett Austin Dietle at 314/454-3150 or info@mohistory.org.

Date: February 15, 2009

Time: 3 PM

Event: Annual JUJ Heschel/King Celebration

Place: To Be Announced

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel marched with Dr. King for civil rights and against the Vietnam War. They were also personal friends; Rabbi Heschel spoke at Dr. King's funeral. Each year, Jews United For Justice celebrates its historic partnership for social justice by honoring individuals from our local African-American and Jewish communities. Past honorees have included Sister Antona Ebo, Rabbi Bernard Lipnick, Norman Seay, Rabbi Jerome Grollman, Dr. Henry Givens and Bill Kahn. **Contact:** Rabbi Randy Fleisher at 314/361-1564, x111 or randy@centralreform.org.

Anheuser-Busch Award

February 2008 – The Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization honored Anheuser-Busch as its corporate recipient of the 2008 Jill Ireland Award for Voluntarism at a leadership conference in Dallas, Texas.



Date: February 15, 2009

Time: 5:30 PM

Event: Soul Food Sunday

Place: Maryville University

Buder Student Commons

650 Maryville University Drive

An event taking place once a month when all of the members of the Association of Black Collegians get together and prepare a home-cooked meal for the students of Maryville University. It brings out the familial aspect within the group and gives us an opportunity to share

a small part of our culture with the rest of the campus. **Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684.

Date: February 17, 2009

Time: 10 AM

Event: Films of the Civil Rights Movement: *Sisters of Selma*.

Place: St. Louis Public Library

Machacek Branch Library

6424 Scanlan Avenue

PBS home video; 60 minutes. A look back at 1965 and the unsung soldiers of the voting rights marches. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 17, 2009

Time: 4 PM

Event: African-American History Bingo

Place: St. Louis Public Library

1301 Olive St.

It's Your Thing! Shout out your knowledge! Teens, ages 12-17. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 17, 2009

Time: 6 PM

Event: Gospel Extravaganza

Place: Maryville University Auditorium

650 Maryville University Drive

The Gospel Extravaganza is an event that brings different choirs to Maryville University to showcase their talents through song. It introduces a different genre of music to the Maryville community that is not commonly heard here. **Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684.

Date: February 17, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Event: African Dance

Place: St. Louis County Library

Florissant Valley Branch

195 New Florissant Road S.

Tiffany Scott and the African-American Ensemble will take you on a journey through the rich history and traditions of the people of Africa. Experience live drummers and traditional African garments. Recommended ages: 7 and up. **Contact:** 314/921-7200.

Date: February 17, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: Pan African Drum Ensemble

Place: St. Louis Public Library

Julia Davis Branch

4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

Experience the rhythms of Africa, the Caribbean and American contemporary music with percussionist Dennis Lebby and his ensemble. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

King led marches into the white suburbs in Chicago, and was stoned.

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

Date: February 18, 2009

Time: 10 AM

Event: Healing Hands Drummers

Place: St. Louis Public Library

Schlaflly Branch

225 N. Euclid Ave.

Healing Hands Drummers will perform with drums and storytelling to school age students. After their performance, students will have the opportunity to play many of the smaller drums and other musical instruments along with the performers. Grades K – 5. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 18, 2009

Time: 10 AM – 6 PM

Event: African Marketplace

Place: Harris-Stowe State University

Lower Level Hallway

3026 Laclede Avenue

Contact: Student Activities at 314/340-5053.

Many of the ugly pages of American history have been obscured and forgotten...America owes a debt of justice, which it has only begun to pay. If it loses the will to finish or slackens in its determination, history will recall its crimes and the country that would be great will lack the most indispensable element of greatness – justice.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: February 18, 2009

Time: 4 PM

Event: African-American History Bingo

Place: St. Louis Public Library

Barr Branch

1701 S. Jefferson Ave.

It's Your Thing! Shout out your knowledge! Teens, ages 12-17. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 18, 2009

Time: 6 PM

Event: "Doing the Dream: The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas"

Place: St. Louis Public Library

Carpenter Branch

3309 S. Grand Blvd.

Gitana Productions will present "Doing the Dream: The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas," a variety show intertwined with contemporary music, dance and drama. It deals with Martin L. King Jr., major themes of his peace movement and addresses the common struggles of African-Americans and immigrants to gain full citizenship legally and through active participation as citizens. "Doing the Dream" will be the focus, which involves skeptical youth conversing with a youth worker about how to achieve the dream of MLK. All ages. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 18, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: African Dance

Place: St. Louis County Library

Bridgeton Trails Branch

3455 McKelvey Road

Tiffany Scott and the African-American Ensemble will take you on a journey through the rich history and traditions of the people of Africa. Experience live drummers and traditional African garments. Recommended ages: 7 and up. **Contact:** 314/291-7570.

Date: February 19, 2009

Time: 10 AM

Event: *Lincoln and the Civil War*

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Cabanne Branch
1106 Union Blvd.

Bobby Norfolk portrays a freed slave named Jacob (around 1865) in *Lincoln and the Civil War*. Bobby uses first person narratives, poetry and song to highlight the key players, events and political forces that brought ordinary people into extraordinary circumstances. Grades: 6 – 8. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 19, 2009

Time: 10 AM – 6 PM

Event: Black History Month Health Fair

Place: Harris-Stowe State University
Lower Level Hallway
3026 Laclede Avenue

Free HIV testing from 11 AM – 3 PM in the Gillespie Residence Hall Health Services Office. **Contact:** Student Activities at 314/340-5053.

Date: February 19, 2009

Time: 4 PM

Event: African-American History Bingo

Place: St. Louis Public Library
Carpenter Branch
3309 S. Grand Blvd.

It's Your Thing! Shout out your knowledge! Teens, ages 12-17. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.



Date: February 19, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: African Dance
Place: St. Louis County Library
Weber Road Branch
4444 Weber Road

Tiffany Scott and the African-American Ensemble will take you on a journey through the rich history and traditions of the people of Africa. Experience live drummers and traditional African garments. Recommended ages: 7 and up. **Contact:** 314/638-2210.

Date: February 20, 2009
Time: 4 PM
Event: Pan African Drum Ensemble
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Walnut Park Branch
5760 W. Florissant Ave.

Experience the rhythms of Africa, the Caribbean and American contemporary music with percussionist Dennis Lebby and his ensemble. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 20, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: *Josephine's Magination* presented by the Black Rep
Place: St. Louis County Library
Headquarters Branch
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

Come and join members of one of the nation's premiere African-American theatre companies in this soul-stirring production that's sure to be a crowd pleaser for all ages! **Contact:** 314/994-3300.

Date: February 20-21, 2009

Time: 8 PM

Date: February 22, 2009

Time: 3 PM

Event: Play--*The Meeting* by Jeff Stetson

Place: Harris-Stowe State University

Emerson Performance Center

Bank of America Theatre

3026 Laclede Avenue

No two contemporary African-American leaders have elicited more controversy than Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X (El Hajj Malik El Shabazz). *The Meeting* takes place in 1965 in Malcolm X's room at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem. Dr. King's visit, at Malcolm X's invitation, displeases Malcolm X's Black Muslim bodyguard, Rashad. This fictionalized meeting between the two icons stirs up a philosophical debate about the Black liberation struggle. **Contact:** Gregory Carr at 314/340-3667.

Date: February 21, 2009

Time: TBA

Event: Black Rep – *A Song for Coretta*

Place: Depart from Maryville University Donius University Center

650 Maryville University Drive

Inspired by the long line of mourners who came by Ebenezer Baptist Church to pay their respects to Mrs. Coretta Scott King, the play introduces five fictional African-American women, aged 17 to 57, waiting in the rain to say their good-byes. The play premiered at Spelman College in 2007, under the direction of Crystal Dickinson. **Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684.

Date: February 21, 2009

Time: 10 AM

Event: Bridging the Digital Divide

Place: Calvary Christian Center

Lower Level

4580 Gibson

Bridging the digital gap for families who have not taken full advantage of today's technologies. Admission is free. **Contact:** Karen at 314/766-5377 or 314/533-2633.

Date: February 21, 2009
Time: 1 PM
Event: St. Louis County Library Gospel Celebration
Place: St. Louis County Library
Lewis & Clark Branch
9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.

A collection of gospel singing, praise dancing and instrumental music sure to set your heart ablaze and leave you inspired. Refreshments will be served. **Contact:** Beth Mitchell at 314/868-0331.

Date: February 21, 2009
Time: 1 PM
Event: "Doing the Dream: The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas"
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Kingshighway Branch
2260 S. Vandeventer Ave.

Gitana Productions will present "Doing the Dream: The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas," a variety show intertwined with contemporary music, dance and drama. It deals with Martin L. King Jr., major themes of his peace movement, and addresses the common struggles of African-Americans and immigrants to gain full citizenship legally and through active participation as citizens. "Doing the Dream" will be the focus, which involves skeptical youth conversing with a youth worker about how to achieve the dream of MLK. All Ages. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 21, 2009
Time: 2 PM
Event: Pan African Drum Ensemble
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Divoll Branch
4234 N. Grand Blvd.

Experience the rhythms of Africa, the Caribbean and American contemporary music with percussionist Dennis Lebby and his ensemble. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 22, 2009
Time: 1 PM
Event: Soul Food Dinner
Place: Solomon Temple M.B. Church
4859 St. Louis Avenue

Sponsored by the Educational Ministry. **Contact:** Dorothy Jones at 314/385-6980.

Date: February 23, 2009
Time: 4 PM
Event: African-American History Bingo
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Machacek Branch
6424 Scanlan Ave.

It's Your Thing! Shout out your knowledge! Teens, ages 12-17. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

More than 2,000 demonstrators were arrested in the Birmingham anti-segregation campaign.
Police used fire hoses and dogs on marching children.

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

Date: February 23, 2009
Time: 6:30 PM
Event: *This Side Up*
Place: St. Louis County Library
Daniel Boone Branch
300 Clarkson Road
Ellisville, MO

Journey back to the historical era of the Underground Railroad in this theatrical re-enactment of man's struggle for emancipation. Emmy Award-winning storyteller Bobby Norfolk breathes life into this amazing story of a slave turned hero, along with other tales of ordinary people taking extraordinary risks in the name of freedom. Recommended grades: kindergarten – 8th grade.
Contact: 636/227-9630.

Date: February 23, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: Black History Program
Place: Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
1617 N. Euclid

Admission is free. **Contact:** Dorothy Jones at 314/385-6980.

Date: February 23, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: The Quest for Black Citizenship in St. Louis: An Evening with Sylvester Brown Jr.

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
1301 Olive St.**

St. Louis Post Dispatch columnist Sylvester Brown Jr. will speak about his career as an African-American journalist covering the Black Quest for Citizenship in this region as well as his perspective on the contributions of the NAACP and other key players in local civil rights history. How far have we St. Louisans come in the quest? How far do we have to go? **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 24, 2009

Time: 4 PM

Event: Pan African Drum Ensemble

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
Cabanne Branch
1106 Union Blvd.**

Experience the rhythms of Africa, the Caribbean and American contemporary music with percussionist Dennis Lebby and his ensemble. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 24, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Event: *This Side Up*

**Place: St. Louis County Library
Eureka Hills Branch
103 Hilltop Village Center
Eureka, MO**

Journey back to the historical era of the Underground Railroad in this theatrical re-enactment of man's struggle for emancipation. Emmy Award-winning storyteller Bobby Norfolk breathes life into this amazing story of a slave turned hero, along with other tales of ordinary people taking extraordinary risks in the name of freedom. Recommended grades: kindergarten – 8th grade. **Contact:** 636/938-4520.

Date: February 24, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: In Celebration of Black History Month

Place: St. Louis County Library

**Bridgeton Trails Branch, Room 1
3455 McKelvey Road**

Join us for stories of African-American achievement. We'll make drum or Kente cloth crafts. Ages 3–7. Registration required. Please call 314/291-7570 to register.

A man is not a first class citizen – a number one citizen – unless he is a voter.

Rev. Joseph Carter

Date: February 25, 2009

Time: 10 AM

Event: *This Side Up*

**Place: St. Louis County Library
Lewis & Clark Branch
9909 Lewis-Clerk Blvd.**

Journey back to the historical era of the Underground Railroad in this theatrical re-enactment of man's struggle for emancipation. Emmy Award-winning storyteller Bobby Norfolk breathes life into this amazing story of a slave turned hero, along with other tales of ordinary people taking extraordinary risks in the name of freedom. Recommended grades: kindergarten – eighth grade. **Contact:** Beth Mitchell at 314/868-0331.

Date: February 25, 2009

Time: 1:30 PM

Event: Films of the Civil Rights Movement: *At the River I Stand*.

**Place: St. Louis Public Library
Cabanne Branch
1106 Union Blvd.**

California Newsreel, 58 minutes. Documentary of two 1968 events in the civil rights movement – the sanitation workers strike in Memphis, Tennessee, and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 25, 2009

Time: 4 PM

Event: African-American History Bingo

Place: St. Louis Public Library

**Buder Branch
4401 Hampton Ave.**

It's Your Thing! Shout out your knowledge! Teens, ages 12-17. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 25, 2009

Time: 6 PM

Event: "Doing the Dream: The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas"

Place: St. Louis Public Library

**Julia Davis Branch
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.**

Gitana Productions will present "Doing the Dream: The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas," a variety show intertwined with contemporary music, dance and drama. It deals with Martin L. King Jr., major themes of his peace movement and addresses the common struggles of African-Americans and immigrants to gain full citizenship legally and through active participation as citizens. "Doing the Dream" will be the focus, which involves skeptical youth conversing with a youth worker about how to achieve the dream of MLK. All Ages. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.



Date: February 25, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Event: Trivia Night

Place: Maryville University

Donius University Center

Room 107

650 Maryville University Drive

Trivia Night is an event that is sponsored by the Association of Black Collegians where everyone comes together and share our knowledge of Black History. It's not only a night to engage in a fun-filled activity, but to gain a better understanding or build upon the existing knowledge of our culture's rich history. **Contact:** Danielle Carter at 314/529-9684.

Date: February 25, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: *This Side Up*
Place: St. Louis County Library
Oak Bend Branch
842 S. Holmes Ave.

Journey back to the historical era of the Underground Railroad in this theatrical re-enactment of man's struggle for emancipation. Emmy Award winning storyteller Bobby Norfolk breathes life into this amazing story of a slave turned hero, along with other tales of ordinary people taking extraordinary risks in the name of freedom. Recommended grades: kindergarten – 8th grade. **Contact:** 314/822-0051.

Date: February 26, 2009
Time: 10 AM
Event: *Lincoln and the Civil War*
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Carondelet Branch
6800 Michigan Ave.

Bobby Norfolk portrays a freed slave named Jacob (around 1865) in *Lincoln and the Civil War*. Bobby uses first person narratives, poetry, and song to highlight the key players, events and political forces that brought ordinary people into extraordinary circumstances. Grades: 6 – 8. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 26-28, 2009
March 1, 2009
Time: 1 – 9 PM each day
Event: E. Desmond Lee Africa World Documentary Film Series
Place: The Missouri History Museum
in Forest Park
5700 Lindell

This documentary festival is committed to the promotion of knowledge, life and culture, of the people of Africa worldwide. Sixty nine documentary films celebrate and congratulate the extraordinary group of talented filmmakers who have employed their craft and skills in the exploration of African subjects. The films will address issues such as: womanism; hip-hop; HIV; wars in Africa; immigration and African communities in the USA; drug addiction; the Civil Rights Movement; African drum and dance; spirituality; carnival; African religions in the Caribbean and Latin America. Please visit www.mohistory.org for a complete lineup and descriptions of films. Sponsored by E. Desmond Lee Professorship in African/African-

American Studies of the Center for International Studies and Department of Theatre, Dance and Media Studies, College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC), University of Missouri – St. Louis and the Missouri History Museum. Admission cost per film: \$10 per person; \$8 for students, seniors, UMSL faculty & staff and Missouri History Museum members. One and four-day passes available. **Contact:** Everett Austin Dietle at 314/454-3150 or info@mohistory.org.

Date: February 26, 2009

Time: 4 PM

Event: African-American History Bingo

Place: St. Louis Public Library

**Carondelet Branch
6800 Michigan Ave.**

It's Your Thing! Shout out your knowledge! Teens, ages 12-17. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Date: February 26, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: Family Tree Quilt

Place: St. Louis County Library

Join us in learning how to make a family tree quilt. Families welcome. All ages. Register at desk.

Date: February 28, 2009

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

Event: 1st Annual MacNolia Cox Spelling Bee Competition

Place: St. Louis County Library

**Florissant Valley Branch
195 New Florissant Road S.**

Come and cheer spelling bee winners from some of St. Louis County's schools, as they compete against each other for great prizes. Numerous door prizes will be given away. Following the competition, there will be a viewing of *Akeelah and the Bee* and a pizza lunch. **Contact:** 314/921-7200.

We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience. That will be a day not of the white man, not of the black man. That will be a day of man as man.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Date: February 28, 2009
Time: 10:30 AM
Event: *This Side Up*
Place: St. Louis County Library
Thornhill Branch
12863 Willowick Drive

Journey back to the historical era of the Underground Railroad in this theatrical re-enactment of man's struggle for emancipation. Emmy Award-winning storyteller Bobby Norfolk breathes life into this amazing story of a slave turned hero, along with other tales of ordinary people taking extraordinary risks in the name of freedom. Recommended grades: kindergarten – 8th grade.
Contact: 314/878-7730.

Date: February 28, 2009
Time: 1:30 PM
Event: Iota Phi Lambda Sorority
Black History Essay and Oratorical Contest
Place: Forest Park Community College
Highland Room
5600 Oakland

Reading of outstanding essays by the top nine winners out of the total submissions from schools all over the St. Louis area (7th – 9th grades). Special guests will include Councilwoman Hazel Irby and the Normandy Middle School Jazz Band and Choir. Sponsored by the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. – Alpha Zeta Chapter. Admission is free. **Contact:** Mary Avery at 314/496-0150 or ms-mlavry@yahoo.com.

Date: February 28, 2009
Time: 2 PM
Event: Music of the Civil Rights Movement
Place: St. Louis Public Library
Schlafly Branch
225 N. Euclid Ave.

Chi Mathias presents music of the Civil Rights Movement, melodic inspirational soul music and contemporary ballads of the 60s and 70s. Ms. Matthias will present a 45-minute musical presentation with a 15-minute Q & A. Ms. Mathais will also have CDs available for purchase. All ages. **Contact:** Carlotta Algee-Stancil at 314/539-0365 or the Marketing Department at 314/539-0315.

Anheuser-Busch Relief Effort

2007 – When nearly 1 million residents of Southern California were forced to evacuate their homes as a result of raging wild fires, the Anheuser-Busch Foundation donated \$500,000 to The American Red Cross to aid relief efforts. In addition to providing monetary support, Anheuser-Busch donated more than 500,000 cans of drinking water and nearly 15,000 cans of 180 energy drinks for the victims of the fires and relief workers.

Date: February 28, 2009
Time: 2 PM
Event: *This Side Up*
Place: St. Louis County Library
Jamestown Bluffs Branch
4153 N. Highway 67

Journey back to the historical era of the Underground Railroad in this theatrical re-enactment of man's struggle for emancipation. Emmy Award-winning storyteller Bobby Norfolk breathes life into this amazing story of a slave turned hero, along with other tales of ordinary people taking extraordinary risks in the name of freedom. Recommended grades: kindergarten – 8th grade.
Contact: 314/741-6800.

Date: March 22, 2009
Time: 3 PM
Event: 149th Year Church Anniversary
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
3141 LaSalle St.

Performances by many churches from throughout the community. Compton Hill Gospel Choir will perform. A free-will offering will be accepted. Sponsored by Reverend James Douglas. **Contact:** James Douglas at 314/581-7043.

Date: May 10, 2009
Time: 9 AM
Event: Mother's Day Breakfast
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
3141 LaSalle

Breakfast prepared by the men of Compton Hill for the women. Admission is free. Sponsored by Men of Compton Hill. **Contact:** Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/355-1528.

Date: July 19, 2009
Time: 3 PM
Event: Stamp Out the Hungry
Place: Saint Paul Miracle Temple
2906 Marcus Avenue

Serving the less fortunate with food which is not a luxury, but a necessity. Sponsored by Joys of Glory Gospel Singers. Admission is free, but canned good or cash donations will be accepted. **Contact:** Ira Eubanks at 314/533-8705 or Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/355-1528.

Date: July 19, 2009
Time: 3 PM
Event: Annual Day
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
3141 LaSalle

Choir is Celebration. Admission is free. Sponsored by the United Voices of Praise. **Contact:** Ernestine Pettie at 314/725-0181 or 314/771-7191.

Date: July 27 and 31, 2009
August 3 and 7, 2009
Time: 6 PM
Event: Vacation Bible School
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
3141 LaSalle

Hot meal served at 5 PM. Instructors of many cultures will be featured, along with the St. Louis Police Department. Admission is free. Sponsored by Compton Hill MB Church. **Contact:** James Douglas at 314/580-7043.

Date: August 23, 2009

Time: 3 PM

Event: Men's and Women's Day

**Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
3141 LaSalle St.**

Special skits will be performed, along with several speakers. Admission is free. **Contact:** Virginia Bland at 314/524-1936.

Date: September 20, 2009

Time: 3 PM

**Event: Joys of Glory Gospel Singer
46th Anniversary**

**Place: Solomon Temple Baptist Church
4859 St. Louis Ave.**

Rev. Al Manson is Pastor of Solomon Temple Baptist Church. Joys of Glory was organized in 1963 with James Heard. Performances by the Unity Singers, Joys of Glory Singers, Voices of Faith, Danny and the Voices of Praise, Silver Wings and many other groups. Admission is free. Sponsored by Joys of Glory Gospel Singers. **Contact:** Hattie Hardin or Irv Eubanks at 314/862-4203.

Date: September 27, 2009

Time: 3 PM

Event: Choir Day

**Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
3141 LaSalle**

Sponsored by the Gospel Choir. Admission is free. **Contact:** Virginia Bland at 314/524-1936.

Date: October 18, 2009

Time: 3:30 PM

Event: 78th Annual Day

**Place: Greater Fairfax Missionary Baptist Church
2941 Greek Ave.**

Oldest Black gospel group in the state of Missouri will perform along with the Jordan Air Gospel Singers, Joys of Glory Gospel Singers and the Ivy Airs Gospel Singers. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Willing Four Gospel Singers. **Contact:** Harry Cannon at 314/429-3897.



Date: October 21, 2009
Time: 1 PM
Event: Gospel Celebration
Place: St. Louis County Library
Lewis & Clark Branch
9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.

A collection of gospel singing, praise dancing and instrumental music sure to set your heart ablaze and leave you inspired. **Contact:** Jill Pifer at 314/868-0331.

Date: November 22, 2009
Time: 3:30 PM
Event: Feed the Hungry
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
3141 LaSalle

Distribution of food baskets to the less fortunate by the community and local schools. Admission cost: donated canned goods. Sponsored by the Compton Hill Usher Board. **Contact:** Pamela Wallace at 314/385-8554.

Date: December 20, 2009
Time: 3:30 PM
Event: Stamp Out Hunger
Place: Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church
4131 LaSalle

Distribution of food baskets to the less fortunate by the community. Admission cost: donated canned goods. Sponsored by Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church. **Contact:** Elmus Miller Jr. at 314/355-1528.

**2000 Feet, Inc.
A Children's Charity**

Provides brand new footwear to economically disadvantaged students enrolled in public elementary and secondary schools. A non-profit 501©3 organization that relies solely on contributions. **Contact:** Elinor Nelson at www.2000Feet.com or 636/447-9477 or shoes4kids@sbcglobal.net.

SPRINGFIELD

Date: January 15, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: An Evening of Reflection
Place: Missouri State University
Plaster Student Union Theatre
901 S. National

A celebration of Dr. King's life and legacy, featuring guest speakers, music, poetry and dance. Followed by a reception. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri State University Office of Multicultural Student Services. **Contact:** Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-6618 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.

Date: January 18, 2009
Time: 3 PM
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration
Place: Covenant of Grace Christian Center
713 S. Newton

A celebration featuring musical tributes, guest speakers and much more. Admission is free. Sponsored by Covenant of Grace. **Contact:** Rev. Tray Walton at 417/866-1125.

Date: January 19, 2009
Time: 11 AM

Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Freedom March
Place: Jordan Valley Ice Park
635 E. Trafficway

Assemble at Jordan Valley Ice Park and proceed North across MLK Bridge to Central High School. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield Chapter NAACP. **Contact:** Francine Pratt at 916/541-1675 or francine9079@hotmail.com.

Date: January 19, 2009
Time: 12 PM
Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Freedom Rally
Place: Central High School
423 E. Central

A rally featuring city officials, guest speakers, music and awards. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield Chapter NAACP. **Contact:** Francine Pratt at 916/541-1675 or francine9079@hotmail.com.



Date: January 19, 2009
Time: 1 – 5 PM
Event: Springfield Multicultural Festival
Place: Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts
Corner of Cherry and John Q. Hammons Parkway

An opportunity to gather information, see multicultural performances and celebrate ethnic and cultural diversity. Admission is free. Sponsored by Unite of Southwest Missouri Inc. **Contact:** Samuel Knox at 417/864-7444 or unite_org@hotmail.com.

Date: January 29, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: African American Heritage Month Kickoff Ceremony

**Place: Missouri State University
Plaster Student Union Ballroom
901 S. National**

A preview of African-American Heritage Month activities, performances and a historical overview of the celebration, followed by a reception. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri State University African American Heritage Month Committee. **Contact:** Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-6618 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.

**Date: February 10, 2009
Time: 7:30 PM
Event: Urban Bush Women
Place: Missouri State University
Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts
901 S. National**

A sassy and strong dance company bringing the untold and under-told histories of disenfranchised people to light through dance. Admission Cost: \$13 - \$23. Sponsored by the Missouri State University Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts. **Contact:** Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-6618 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.

We must combine the
toughness of the serpent
and the softness of the dove,
a tough mind and a tender heart.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Date: February 18, 2009
Time: 7 PM
Event: Diversity Dialogue
Place: Missouri State University
Plaster Student Union, Room 313
901 S. National**

An open discussion regarding race relations in our country and on the MSU campus. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri State University African-American Heritage Month Committee. **Contact:** Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-6618 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.

A-B Teams up with Teach For America

When Teach For America came to St. Louis in 2002, Anheuser-Busch was there to support expanding educational opportunities for the region's children. "Anheuser-Busch's support has been so important, especially to be with us at the beginning," said Dustin Odham, executive director, Teach For America St. Louis. "In St. Louis, support from a company with such a long history in the area immediately demonstrated the critical role businesses can play in the area of education."

Date: February 22, 2009

Time: 4 PM

Event: Gospel Extravaganza

Place: Missouri State University

Plaster Student Union Theatre

901 S. National

A gospel concert featuring local and area choirs and soloists, followed by a reception. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri State University African-American Heritage Month Committee. **Contact:** Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-6618 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.

Date: February 27, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: The Evolution of Hip-Hop

Place: Missouri State University

Plaster Student Union Theatre

901 S. National

A cultural presentation featuring historical information, musical performances, demonstrations, drumming and dance. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri State University African American Heritage Month Committee. **Contact:** Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-6618 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.

Date: March 3, 2009

Time: 7:30 PM

Event: *To Kill A Mockingbird*

Place: Missouri State University

Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts

901 S. National

A story of prejudice, racism and courage which creates an unforgettable artistic and human experience. Admission Cost: \$13 - \$23. Sponsored by the Missouri State University Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts. **Contact:** Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-6618 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.

Date: March 7, 2009

Time: 7 PM

Event: Fashion Explosion

Place: Missouri State University
Plaster Student Union Theatre
901 S. National

A fashion show featuring the latest in urban fashions and flair. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Missouri State University Association of Black Collegians. **Contact:** Charlotte Hardin at 417/836-6618 or multiculturalstudentservices@missouristate.edu.



The Little Rock Nine

WARRENSBURG



Date: January 14, 2009
Time: 11:45 AM – 1 PM
Event: MLK Community Service Awards
Place: White Rose Pavilion

Awards to be presented at the Greater Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce monthly business luncheon. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Awards will be presented to members of the greater Warrensburg community and members of the University of Central Missouri who have distinguished themselves in the area of humanitarianism, service and leadership. Tickets for the event are available at the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, 100 S. Holden. **Contact:** Tammy Long at 660/747-3168.

Date: January 15, 2009
Time: 1:30 PM
Event: Issues Forum
Place: Elliott Union Atrium
University of Central Missouri

Members from the University of Central Missouri and the Warrensburg community will be discussing the Obama presidency and the impact of relations, both internationally and

domestically, and how the Obama presidency will affect higher education over the next four years. **Contact:** Alex Wales at 660/747-5731.

Date: January 16, 2009

Time: 8 PM

Event: Movie: *The Pursuit of Happyness*

Place: Elliott Union 240

University of Central Missouri

The amazing story of Christopher Gardner's life was published as an autobiography, *The Pursuit of Happyness*, (Amistad/Harper Collins) in May 2006, and became a *New York Times* and *Washington Post* No. 1 best-seller. In paperback, the book spent more than 20 weeks on the *New York Times* best-seller list and has been translated into 14 languages. Gardner was also the inspiration for the movie *The Pursuit of Happyness*, released by Columbia Pictures in December 2006. The movie is the No. 2 all-time domestic grossing drama. Will Smith starred as Gardner and received an Academy Award, Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild nominations for his performance. Gardner was an associate producer on the film.

Date: January 18, 2009

Time: 6 PM

Event: Community Ecumenical Service

Place: Warrensburg First United Methodist Church

The Community Ecumenical Service is a part of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. The ecumenical service is hosted by a different church within the Warrensburg community each year as we stop to reflect on the work and impact of Dr. King, while renewing goals of respect and dignity toward one another. **Contact:** Eugene C. Stillman at 606/543-4156.

The curse of poverty has no justification in our age.
It is socially as cruel and blind
as the practice of cannibalism at the
dawn of civilization.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: January 19, 2009

Time: 8:30 AM – 5 PM

Event: MLK Challenge: A Day On, Not a Day Off

Place: University of Central Missouri

The Office of Campus Activities provides a variety of services and opportunities for students to become involved in and enhance their college experience. Volunteer services are available for

students to match their skills and interest with the community. It is a way for students to utilize their skills and talents to help others and give back to the community. **Contact:** Kristy Brinkley at 660/543-4007.

Date: January 19, 2009

Time: 6 PM

Event: 10th Annual Gospel Concert

Place: Hendricks Hall

University of Central Missouri

Special concert guest: Robert Robertson. The University of Central Missouri's Performing Arts Series celebrates 20 years of bringing quality entertainment to the UCM campus and surrounding area with an outstanding lineup of performances for the 2008-2009 season. The Martin Luther King Jr. Gospel Concert, a part of the annual Martin Luther King celebration, will be presented as part of the Performing Arts Series. **Contact:** Jeff Imboden at 660/543-4263.

Date: January 20, 2009

Time: 6:30 PM

Event: MLK Freedom Scholarship Dinner

Place: Elliott Union Ballrooms

University of Central Missouri

Keynote Speaker: Christopher Gardner, author of the book *The Pursuit of Happyness* and inspiration for the movie of the same name starring Will Smith as Christopher Gardner. Christopher Gardner is the owner and CEO of Christopher Gardner International Holdings with offices in New York, Chicago and San Francisco. Conquering grave challenges to become a successful entrepreneur, Gardner is an avid motivational and inspirational speaker, addressing the keys to overcoming obstacles and breaking cycles. Gardner is also a passionate philanthropist whose work has been recognized by many esteemed organizations. (Must pre-purchase dinner tickets in the Office of Community Engagement, Elliott Union 224). **Contact:** Penny Lund at 660/ 543-4156.



Date: January 27, 2009
Time: 10:30 AM – 5 PM
Date: January 28, 2009
Time: 11:30 AM – 6 PM
Event: Community Service Blood Drive
Place: Elliott Union Ballroom
University of Central Missouri

Students are encouraged to come out and donate blood for the Community Blood Center. If you are unable to donate blood, you could donate your time as a volunteer. **Contact:** Kristy Brinkley at 660/543-4007.



Elizabeth Eckford, Little Rock Nine